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DATA IN ACCORDANCE WITH
METADATA FILES**

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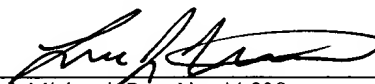
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 41, lines 8-9, following "central processor 12 over Ethernet network", please delete "32" and insert therefor -- 41 --.